Partage du Sensible – An Interview with Ranciere

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Sirohi – so a dis-agreement and dis-identifcation from structures then means we are idealists of materialism?

Jacques Ranciere – Yes, correct, we are reflecting Marx – we mean Marx is the true materialist and even Hobsbawm is truly materialist – and we are their idealists. In fact of a matter, I was criticized by E.P. Thomspon for just that in fact. That I make social history so idealist. With my Nights of Labour project – he thought I was too

idealist about what is materialist.